



Art in the Redwoods Art Exhibit

The heart of the festival is the exhibit of fine art throughout the building. You will find oil paintings, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, drawings, photographs, sculpture, woodworking, stained and fused glass, jewelry and fiber arts - most of them for sale.

The Top Hat Dinner

Thursday, August 16, 2012

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner served 7:00 p.m.

The Top Hat Dinner is the gala kickoff to the annual Art in the Redwoods Festival. The dinner and wine celebration starts at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 16 at the Gualala Arts Center. The Chef for this evening is **Executive Chef Phillip M. Kaufman** from the *Black Point Grill* at Sea Ranch Lodge.



Top Hat diners will enjoy a sneak peek preview of the Fine Art Exhibit even before it is judged during the cocktail hour before dinner.

By attending the Top Hat dinner you also receive a VIP Festival pass. Reservations for dinner (\$150, includes \$100 donation) are recommended as it usually sells out. If you missed this year's dinner, please sign up early for next year.

Included in the VIP Festival Pass is the Champagne Preview on Friday. The fine art exhibit will be available for viewing and the first opportunity to purchase when doors open to the gallery at 4:30 p.m. The Top Hat VIP Pass also includes admission on Saturday and Sunday August 18 - 19.

2012 Top Hat Honorees

This year's Top Hat Dinner honors one of the Arts Center's most vibrant groups, the Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild, an organization of 110 members in its 17th year of existence that quietly embodies so many of the values behind the success of Gualala Arts.

"The group epitomizes the volunteer, artistic and patron spirit that drives Gualala Arts. Not only do they meet every challenge - such as the elevator project, but they exceed expectations and give back so much more than they receive. They are an exemplary model of our many interest groups."

- Executive Director "Sus" Susalla

Champagne Preview

Friday, August 17, 2012

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Champagne Preview from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with award presentations and the judge's critiques. The fine art exhibit will be available for viewing and the first opportunity to purchase when doors open to the gallery at 4:30 p.m.

The Champagne Preview is on Friday evening from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (admission \$10).

Outdoor artist booths will be open for a sneak preview from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. The Fine Art exhibit sneak preview is from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Award presentations and judges critique will take place Friday at 6:00 p.m. in the outdoor amphitheater. Artists should be present to receive awards but are not required.